

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Jodi Marie MAGLICH et al.

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Examiner: Shafer, Shulamith H.

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For: *Compositions and Methods for
Regulating Thyroid Hormone
Metabolism and Cholesterol and
Lipid Metabolism via the Nuclear
Receptor CAR*

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed September 7, 2006 for which a one month shortened statutory period to respond was set. Applicants hereby request a 2-month extension of time to extend the response period up to and including December 7, 2006. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees and any other fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1392.

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are pending in this application. The Examiner has required restriction to one of seven groups. In response to such restriction Applicants wish to proceed as follows.

Applicants elect without traverse Group I drawn to a method of identifying test agents that alter thyroid hormone metabolism, claim 1, for proceeding with prosecution on the merits.

Applicants believe that no fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper other than those specifically authorized herewith. However, should any other fees be

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deemed necessary to effect the timely filing of this paper the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 07-1392.

Respectfully submitted,

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